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SWINEMÜNDE

1. The former German aircraft carrier, "Graf Zeppelin", is lying at the Staatswerft where she was towed from Stettin to be made seaworthy. The vessel is without superstructure and is to be moved to Leningrad for complete reconstruction.
2. Also lying at the Staatswerft is the former German battle cruiser, "Lutzow", which is undergoing overhaul preparatory to being towed to Leningrad.
3. A further large vessel at the Staatswerft is the 6,000 - 7,000-ton passenger steamer, "Marienburg", of the East Prussia line, which is still uncompleted. At the same yards there are a number of small Russian naval vessels and several Russian freighters.
4. In the harbor itself a number of Russian naval vessels were observed, including destroyers, torpedo boats, minesweepers, so-called gunboats ("Artillerie-schnellboote") and former German S-boats. Local rumor has it that submarines are also based here, but none was observed.
5. The majority of Russian naval vessels are lying along the eastern bank of the river. The majority of naval personnel is stationed in the areas Osternothafen and Ost-Swine.
6. At present, about 6,000 Germans are living in Swinemünde, most of them engaged in work for the Russians. Of these, about 2,000 - 3,000 are employed at the Staatswerft where all the work is done by German craftsmen under Russian direction. The yards are solely engaged in repairs for the Russian navy and merchant marine. About 600 Germans are employed at the bunkering station where Russian naval vessels bunker coal from Upper Silesia.

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STETTIN

7. In December 1946, the last large floating dock from this port was towed to Kaliningrad (Königsberg) via Swinemünde. It was destined for the Schiechau-Werft at Kaliningrad.
8. The Russians have dismantled the Vulkan-Werke, largest shipbuilding yard in Stettin, and the Oder-Werke.
9. The Russians use about one-third of the port facilities, concentrating on the former Freihafen area. The remaining two-thirds are used by the Poles. There is every sign that the Russians intend to withdraw entirely from Stettin, taking with them port equipment to places in their own zone of Germany. Thus, all the tugs from Stettin are to be moved to Wismar.

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